



HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Media Advisory

Orca Live Celebrates 15 Years

Student-produced television news show has provided hundreds of youth opportunities to get creative and learn new skills

June 7, 2019, Hillsboro, OR – Orenco Elementary School is proud to announce the 15th anniversary of *Orca Live*, its unique, student-produced television news show. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the school will air a special broadcast of the show on Tuesday, June 11, at 1:30 p.m. The broadcast will feature former crew members as anchors, clips from past seasons, and memories shared by *Orca Live* alumni.

The show began in November 2004, thanks to the vision of the school's principal and generous grant funds from Intel and other sources. Throughout the years, *Orca Live* has received tremendous support from Orenco's Booster Club, the Hillsboro Schools Foundation, Nike, Synopsys, and Orenco staff.

Students direct and anchor the broadcasts, work the mixer board, audio board, and camera for their shows, which air every other week. Typical broadcasts include a focus on grade-level learning as well as photographs from throughout the school. Though the students have also tackled special projects like commercial parodies, detective dramas and silent films, among other things.

Participating in *Orca Live* has provided students with a very unique experience, taught them valuable technical skills, increased their public speaking ability, and overall has been a bright spot in their educational careers.

Media are welcome and invited to attend the ceremony.

What: *Orca Live* special 15th anniversary broadcast

Where: Orenco Elementary School, 7050 NE Birch St., Hillsboro, OR 97124

When: Tuesday, June 11, 1:30 p.m.

Upon Arrival: Please check in at the main office to obtain a visitor badge

Media availability with co-founding teacher Mike Futter and students before (with pre-arrangement) and after the broadcast.

Media are asked to RSVP to Chief Communications Officer Beth Graser at graserbe@hsd.k12.or.us or 503-844-1772.

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